

# Knox News

**Facebook page:** Knox Presbyterian Church (Lower Hutt)

**Website:** [www.knox.org.nz](http://www.knox.org.nz)

**Lockdown Newsletter 19 April**

**Dear Knox Family,**

Well, Easter 2020 will undoubtedly be remembered for several years to come – the Easter of the lockdown. While we were unable to gather together in person to remember Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and celebrate his resurrection on Sunday, we are thankful for the technology that enabled us to listen to Easter podcasts in our bubbles. [If you haven't had the opportunity to listen to them yet, you can still do so on our podcast website page: [Podcast Link](#)]

There is an interesting correlation, we are in lockdown, unable to go out and about our usual business; the disciples too, after Jesus trial and crucifixion were in a self-imposed 'lockdown', fearful of persecution, anxious and confused. Christ appeared to them; he was there in their midst. Likewise, he is with us in our lockdown and isolation. It is our prayer that each of us has a special sense of the presence of Jesus with us, that as we read our Bibles the Scriptures will be alive for us.

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6). During this time of lockdown, we may be feeling isolated from our family and friends, our colleagues, or school mates, our groups and activities, but we can hold to God's promises and know that nothing can separate us from him!



Romans 8:31; 35; 37-39 (NLT) "What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ... <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

New Zealand has been in lockdown now for over three weeks. The impact of this on each of us will be different. Please let your elder or the church office know if you need some help as we do have volunteers ready who are willing to assist. It may be with grocery shopping or picking up medicine, or you may know of someone else who needs this support. There are several links and activities over the page – we encourage you to check them out as there are many ways to stay connected and find in encouragement from your bubble.

God bless,  
Session

## **Sunday Podcast:**

**19 April, 10am**

Text: John 20:19-29

Theme: Transilience  
(part 2)

*Rev. Marcell Mey is speaking*

[Podcast Link](#)

[Hymns](#)

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## YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMES



**SUNDAYS:** Zoom hangout at 11:30am

# ACTS 29

**WEEKDAYS:** Live updates and devotions

**SUNDAYS:** Zoom small groups at 5:00pm

**MONDAY:** Zoom call homegroup with Hannah at 3:00pm

**THURSDAY:** Zoom call homegroup with Caleb at 7:00pm

## Acts 29 Daily Devotion

Find this on Acts 29 Instagram page and the Knox Instagram and Facebook stories

## Midweek Devotional with Sian

Don't miss Sian's midweek devotional which is available from 7pm every Wednesday. Just click on the Podcast link.

[Podcast Link](#)

## Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday at 5pm. Email [tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com](mailto:tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com) for a zoom invite to join this prayer meeting.

### Knox Office Hours :

Tues, Wed and Thurs 9am-4:30pm.

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## Knox Kids Programme



Follow the link [Here](#)

## Other Links for children:

<https://www.lostsheep.com.au/>

<https://www.loveoutloudoz.com/>



[The Story Place](#)—Facebook link to Michelle Hollard reading books suitable for primary aged children. Reads every day. You will need to request to join group

[Sermons4kids](#)—includes activities and puzzles at bottom of page

**Wee Worship:** contact Suz at [dscody1996@gmail.com](mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com) for heaps of great resources for 2-5 year olds

## Knox Bank Account Number for Offerings

The office has received a number of requests for our bank account number since our normal services were cancelled. Our account details are: 02 0528 0033206 000

Please put your name or envelope number in the reference field

Thank you

## Morning Prayer

“God of my life, I welcome this new day. It is your gift to me, a new creation, a promise of resurrection.

I thank you for the grace of being alive this morning. I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me. I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning.

This day Lord is full of promise and opportunity; let me waste none of it. This day is full of mystery and the unknown; help me to face it without fear or anxiety. This day is blessed with beauty and adventure; make me fully alive to it all. During this day keep me thoughtful, prayerful and kind. May I be courteous and helpful to others, and not turned in on myself. Keep me from any word that would hurt, or belittle, or destroy; and may the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight.

When night comes again, may I look back on this day with no grievance or bitterness in my heart; and may nobody be unhappy because of anything I have done or anything I have failed to do.

Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone. Make it a day in which we grow to have the mind of Christ, your Son. Lord Jesus Christ, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen”

*(Source: Come, Lord Jesus: Redemptorist Mission and Novena Book)*

## Tax Receipts

Over the next two weeks tax receipts will be sent out for donations received from the Knox Church family over the last financial year. Your tax receipt will look different from previous years as they are now generated electronically from our database. This automatic generation of receipts enables us to maintain a good level of confidentiality.

This year tax receipts will **NOT** be available for pickup at church. In most cases your tax receipt will be sent to your email address. If you have not supplied us with an email address then they will be sent to the residential address that we have on file.

Once you receive your receipt please check that it is correct. Our database automatically generates a single receipt for all contributions made by a family. If you would like your receipt reissued separately to individuals within the family please contact the office. If you do not receive your tax receipt by 14 May or have any other questions please call the office on 022 329 9575.

Your gracious giving is **greatly** appreciated and enables the continued work of the congregation. Thank you so much for your ongoing faithful support.

Here are a few links that you may like:

*(click to select)*

[My Christianity Daily](#)—for today’s news

[PresbyteryCentral Roundup](#)—Updates weekly and includes links to Presbyterian services including Knox.

[PCANZ Moderator’s weekly devotional](#)— new devotional is published each Sunday morning at 9am

[Shine TV schedule](#)—for week from 12 April

[Radio Rhema](#)—Listen online, schedules etc

[BBC Radio 4 Daily Service](#)—Christian podcasts

[CBN News](#)—News from a Christian perspective

### CHURCH



[Knox Presbyterian Church](#)



[Knox Instagram](#)

### YOUTH MINISTRY



[Seismic Facebook Page](#)



[Acts 29 Facebook Page](#)



[Acts 29 Instagram](#)



### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

[Young Adults Facebook](#)

## Knox Weekly Timetable During Lockdown

<b>Day and time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Sunday	Wee Worship	Resources available	Contact Suz to request resources: <a href="mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com">dscody1996@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, 10:30am	Church service	Knox website	Podcast Link
Sunday, 10:30 am	Kingdom Kids	Knox website	Kingdom Kids Link
Sunday, 11:30 am	Seismic Hangout	Zoom	See link on <a href="#">Seismic Facebook Page</a> or email <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Sunday, 5:00 pm	Acts 29	Zoom	Email <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Sunday, 5:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com">tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com</a> for a zoom invite
Monday, 3:00 pm	Teenage girls homegroup	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:hannah@knox.org.nz">hannah@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Tuesday, 7:00pm	Women's Homegroup	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com">dscody1996@gmail.com</a> for a zoom invite
Tuesday, 7:30 pm	Session meeting	Zoom	For input, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:sessionclerk@knoxstc.org.nz">sessionclerk@knoxstc.org.nz</a>
Wednesday, 7:30pm	Men's group	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:office@knox.org.nz">office@knox.org.nz</a> for an invite to the zoom meeting
Wednesday, 7:30pm	Women's group	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:rubee.yee32@gmail.com">rubee.yee32@gmail.com</a> for an invite to the zoom meeting
Wednesday, 7:00pm	Midweek Devotional with Sian	Knox Website	Podcast Link
Thursday, 7:30pm	Adults mixed group	Zoom	Send your email address to Rob and Joy for an invite to zoom <a href="mailto:irjak.mcintosh@xtra.co.nz">irjak.mcintosh@xtra.co.nz</a>
Thursday, 7:00pm	Mixed Teenagers (Youth)	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Every second Friday	Young Adults	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:fiona.hearn@gmail.com">fiona.hearn@gmail.com</a> for a for an invite to zoom
Daily	Children's Reading Group	Facebook	Michelle Hollard <a href="#">The Story Place</a> New episode updated daily at 1.30pm
Daily 11am	Acts 29	Instagram Facebook	<a href="#">Acts 29 Instagram</a> <a href="#">Knox Presbyterian Church (Lower Hutt)</a>